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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Yuletide Joy

and Cheer be Yours

this Merry Christmas Season

... Happiness and Peace Attend

through all the Bright

New Year....

CHRISTMAS 1946 -- so different from Christmas 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and even 1945 - should make us all realize how much we have which we might have lost. Once more the trees are lighted; once more the bells ring out as in days of old . . . Yet in many, many homes there is sorrow for those young men who gave their lives to preserve our freedom, our country, our homes,-- and our Christmas. Let us not forget, I urge you, that because of their sacrifice little

children once more thrill with wide-eyed joy at Santa and his toys; while grown-ups, too, again become as little children and sing the old familiar carols unrestrained . . . Let us pray that Peace on Earth and Good Will among Men shall become the goal of all the nations of the earth, and of all of us here in the beautiful Berkshires . . . and to that end I sincerely wish for each Sprague employee and family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

—R. C. Sprague



To Each and Every Sprague Employee





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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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HOW LONG IS A MERRY CHRISTMAS?

There used to be an old saying that "Christmas comes but once a year." Perhaps it originated with weary parents after their boisterous bevy of children plus nieces, nephews and grown-up in-laws were safely tucked into bed at the end of a long day of feasting, merrymaking and happy confusion. Perhaps it was only some cynical comment on the profuse avalanche of holiday greetings, both oral and printed, which are so often followed by fifty weeks of apparent indifference to all this sweetness and light.

Now definitely, one can not live on a diet of holly berries and ribbon candy for twelve long months. But what we're trying to say -- if you know what we mean -- is that there ought to be a law . . . Well, anyway, we all ought to get the habit of putting just a little more Christmas Spirit into everything we do. Just a little more smile, just a little more music, just a little more friendly cooperation . . . As the little girl sadly said to Santa: "If you loved me in December, why not stick around in May?" . . . Well, why not?

SPORTS . . .

• ALLEY ECHOS •

The Sprague Bowling League Standing as of December 5.

	Won	Lost
Prokars	21	9
Ceroes	18	12
Selkars	18	12
Midgets	15	15
Koolohms	10	20
Atoms	8	22

The Five "King Pins"

(Nite of Dec. 5)

C. Sweeney	315
L. Siciliano	313
C. Forgea	300
T. Woloski	295
J. Tolmie	277

The Five "Dubbbers"

(Nite of Dec. 5)

J. Schneider	224
L. Dustin	230
T. Dudziak	243
K. Russell	244
R. Vinclette and J. Luczynski (tied)	250

Five "King Pins" (Nite of Nov. 23)

(Nite of Dec. 5)

W. O'Dell	309
D. Remillard	291
C. Sweeney	289
R. Wood	288
L. Siciliano	285

Five "Dubbbers" (Nite of Nov. 23)

(Nite of Dec. 5)

P. Foisy	233
D. Dean	242
F. Faustini	243
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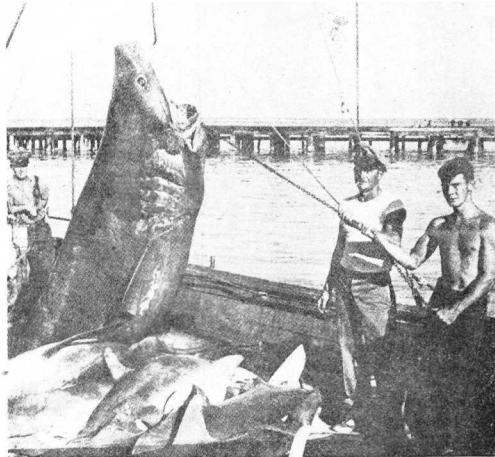
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--- A "Whoppin" Fish Tale from Key West ---



John Mulcahy (extreme right) aboard the shark boat "Dusky" hangs on to a 1500 pound prize. John was formerly employed in the Machine Shop and his brother George is employed in the Brown Street Sample Laboratory.

George Mulcahy of the Sample Department at Brown Street, brought to my attention the unusual occupation that his brother John handles at Key West, Fla. John was a Sprague working in the Beaver Street Machine Shop before serving in Uncle Sam's Navy. After his discharge, he located in Key West and became First Mate on the shark boat "Dusky." His job is a hazardous one as these so-called shark hunters are liable to hook onto most anything in Old Man Neptune's deep. Their voyages carry them as far as the Bahamas and Jamaica. And why hunt for sharks? This is not hard to explain. The shark's liver is a valuable source of vitamins, especially Vitamin A, and is therefore in great demand.

In the accompanying picture, John is at the extreme right holding on to the hoist chain which keeps this gigantic monster upright. The smaller sharks and the usual catch may be seen at the bottom of the boat. This particular fish was caught after quite a struggle in 600 feet of water off Key West and weighed some 1500 lbs. John is married and has three children. Smooth sailing, John, and we wish you a "whoppin" success. —K. Russell

Bullett, Russell

Merry Christmas

Your reporters wish to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone: A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Orchids to Team

Congratulations to the Central Bowling Alley Basketball team and their coach. In their second game of the season, they routed the Gevaert team by a 52-28 score. Chester Gallup of the Material Control Department is the coach, while Francis T. O'Brien of the Sample Department is the manager. Other Sprague players are Robert Reardon of Dry Test, Charles Mulcahy of Stock, and John Mills of A.C. Test.

We Need Your Cooperation

For the betterment of the Sports Column, we would appreciate comments favorable and unfavorable from the readers. If we are neglecting your favorite sport — please advise us as we do not want to be partial to any single sport. Because of limitation of space, we sometimes are unable to record some event that may be of great interest to you. If you do have such items — write it up — put in an envelope addressed to *Kenny Russell, Brown Street or Bernie Bullett, Beaver Street* — or to the *Log Desk*, and see that it gets in the boxes assigned to inter-plant or inter-office mail. We'll be glad to consider it for publication. In 1947 we shall endeavor to make the *Log's Sports Column* bigger (if possible) and better than ever!

—K. Russell and B. Bullett



SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES COME THROUGH!

Whether rushing electrical components to war zones when they were so desperately needed — or whether lending a hand in bringing the spirit of Christmas to citizens of North Adams — the Sprague employees are right there! . . . The present emergency was lack of city employees to string Christmas lights on our business streets. So, our city dads called upon Sprague Electric Company. . . Could they spare a man or two to climb ladders and put up the necessary wiring? Well, maybe Sprague Electric couldn't really spare men — but they would be happy to help out. They "loaned" two of their best Maintenance men — Joe Schneider, Jr. and Al Horsfall. The picture shows Joe up on a ladder during the cold windy days this week, stringing lights — and Al snapped his picture. Al says "Believe me, that wind was pretty cold, too — but we're glad to help out to make a brighter, merrier Christmas for North Adams folks." And Joe said: "You bet — we want North Adams to be 'Christmassy' this year — I could mention a few in the Navy that weren't too Christmassy." —E. F.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year . . .



Lectures Scheduled-Sprague Seminar Group

The Sprague Seminar Group presented to the public on December 4, the first of a series of lectures which it is sponsoring on technical problems in the chemical, physical and electrical fields. This lecture was presented by Dr. Robert L. Peck of the Merck Company, Rahway, N. J. on the subject of "The Chemistry of Penicillin and Streptomycin" and was given in the Thompson Laboratory at Williams College, at the monthly meeting of the Berkshire County Chemical Seminar Group. Approximately 75 persons attended this lecture which was accompanied by slides.

The Sprague Seminar Group has been organized by the Research and Engineering Department to stimulate extra-curricular activities of the technical staff. David Peck of the Marshall Street Research and Engineering Office is Chairman of this Group.

Expanded Program for Berkshire Safety Council

The Berkshire Safety Council of which the Sprague Electric Company is a member, has announced a greatly expanded program of industrial safety for 1947, Mr. Arthur Mathews, Plant Safety Engineer explained.

During the coming year, the Council will present a twenty-hour Foreman Training course in Industrial Safety, using slide films to augment the text material. A certificate of graduation will be issued by the local Council to those who satisfactorily complete the course.

Inter-plant visitation among safety engineers and supervisors will be encouraged and there will be monthly roundtable discussions of common safety problems, to which district safety directors from various insurance companies will be invited to participate in the discussions.

Marshall Music

Miscellaneous Drys

By Eddie O'Neil

Chuck Felix is back after his honeymoon spent in New York, and as active as always... Where do you get all that energy, Chuck?

"Baldy" Jammallo has stopped getting his weekly haircut since the price went up two bits more... However, it really doesn't matter.

Our "Flash" Racette tells us he is "Dreaming of a Tight Christmas."

Thelma Burdick spent a week end in New York recently — said she wanted to walk off some of that weight.

At this time, we want to wish our fellow workers in the other Departments, "A Very Merry Christmas."

"W. E." Department

By "Smitty"

Christmas will soon be here, and if Santa should drop into the Department, the following are some of the things he *should* leave: A couple more gals like Maggie Sala... a little more spirit for some of our gremlins... a new soldering iron for Norman Martin... a little speed for John MacFarlane... a new tie for Bill Mendell... a pair of roller skates for "Yours Truly" as she never knows just where she is going... a new screwdriver for Leona Lamoreaux... and a new lock and key for Julie Bourgeois' desk.

Well, folks, that's all for this Christmas, and wishing everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Our Department to Yours.

Shipping and Carton Stockroom

By Gold-Dust Twins

Jingle Bells — Jingle Bells — Deck the halls with wreaths of Holly-tra-la. Once more it's *Log* time, and Santa Claus really came through for us—when the coal strike ended and we can now enjoy our Christmas holiday with all its splendor. Happy families are again reunited, joyful, hopeful and sincere hearts are looking forward to another year of peace, contentment and prosperity.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, we wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Oh, Santa please, let the grab-bag bring forth:

For *Mario Magnani*—A good hunting dog, so that he can find his way out of the woods after being lost three hours.

Walt Barnes—A box of sweet scenting cigars, his favorite brand is..... (terrible)

Emma Mutart—A new alarm clock so that she will stop competing with Dagwood.

Florence Richards—A box of pills to restrain that enormous appetite.

Miles Heath—A list of instructions on how to lift boxes, that tie will never do it.

Pat Sanecki—A book of round trip tickets to New York City.

Al Benoni—A flashlight to fix that new car.

Ernie Belleau—Something for that far away look in his eyes. Suggestion: Calvert's or William Penn.

Jack Callahan—A year's subscription to *Coronet*. That's his best bet.

Jimmy Knox—A carload of grapes.

Phyllis Chartrand—An umbrella that won't fall apart when she is walking on Main Street.

Also Christmas Greetings to Ernest Haley and Joe Roberts. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Abel Jones who died November 29th. He was employed in the Shipping Room of the Marshall Plant, and his pleasant manners endeared him to all... He will be greatly missed.

W.E. Stitchers

By Erminia Sweeney

Your reporter wishes every one a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

We got one of our Christmas wishes—a photo of Anita MacIvergan in her Marine duds. Henceforth, she's our "Pin-up Girl for the Rollers."

Bill Mendell says he's getting old. Hm-m-m, your eyes don't say so.

Eleanor Stack bought an eight pound turkey just for herself and husband... Wow, what appetites!

The women in Western Electric are as busy as bees, all busy knitting during the rest periods. Your reporter started a sweater for her husband on large needles. Said husband said: "What are you making — a bedspread?"!!!

Anyone wishing a fireplace — see Tony Marino — he makes beautiful ones.

Correction: Betty Berger and Miles O'Grady are vocalists.

"Red" Garner claims his father is a minister... watch your language, girls.

My hunch was correct — Evelyn Nassif has a diamond. (Why did you change your pants, Joe Lipa — afraid that Roma Rumgay would die laughing?)

Maintenance

By Umbriago

Happy Holiday Greetings to all workers of Sprague Electric Company from all the boys of the Maintenance Department.

Boys of the Carpenter Shop would like to advise Buster Sherman that there are no DEER in Bridges Lunch at Charlemont.

Congratulations to William Isherwood of the Electrical Department, Bill is the proud father of a baby boy, born December 6.

Deer hunting got the boys of Maintenance down *low* as no one in the Gang got a deer. We do give Carl Perry credit for shooting at one **FIVE** times, each bullet finding its mark, but there being no snow, Carl was unable to track it and lost his prize. It took Forist McLain to come home on a furlough all the way from Virginia to show the boys how it was done... He bagged a 120 lb. doe in

Savoy. After returning to duty, he will report to California to be shipped overseas. He worked with the millwright gang before going into Service.

A Telephone Conversation

(One of the Maintenance supervisors calling the stock room).

Supervisor: Is Mr. Jack Callahan there?

Lady answering phone: No, I don't see Mr. Callahan, but I'll look around.

(After an interval) Sorry, I just can't find him... I think he must be working between the FLOORS.

Now, Jack, have you a new subterranean short-cut back to your office?

We welcome Joe Filiault to the Electrical Gang. Joe came from the F. P. Department.

Roy (Stubby) Caron, "the Sinatra of the Carpenter Shop" has competition, now that the speakers have been installed in the Maintenance Departments — thanks to Dan Kelly and his Gang.



Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Simonelli, married November 9. Mrs. Simonelli is the former Irene Gage of the Boxing Department.

Beaver News

Boxing-Night Shift

By Gladys Kirkpatrick

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



F. P. Drys

By L. Boyer and R. Moresi

A Christmas wish is sent today To each and every one — Hoping that Christmas joy Be with you on this happy day. With the Yuletide season here Let's strive throughout the coming year To lend a friendly hand To those both far and near. With peace on earth, good will toward men

Let's make this the best year yet... So here's our greeting, most sincere, Straight from the heart And filled with good cheer... May yours be the merriest of

Christmases And to all — a Happy, Bright, New Year!



F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massacani

Hold Thanksgiving Party

A gala time was held at the Thanksgiving party which was given by the members of the F. P. Assembly Line. Catherine Coody and Mary Schubnel are hep when it comes to dancing. After Evelyn Jones' exhibition, we're thinking of dressing her as Dan Cupid for the New Year.

Good luck to Al Miller who is leaving us for the Army.

Deep sympathy to Margaret Blay in the loss of her grandmother.

A Christmas Wish

Silent night, Holy night —

Oh joyful is the day on which

Christ was born....

Yes, it is almost Christmas time again... the time of year when one thinks of good will and his fellowmen. It is a time of joy... I wish that the joy and happiness of Christmas day will be with every one of you every day of your lives — and that Peace on earth will be ours — permanently... So, "a Merry Christmas to all and to all, good night."

Mr. and Mrs. John Sikorski, married September 2, 1946 at St. Stanislaus church. Their attendants were Patricia Skowron and the bride's nephew, Francis Kurpaska. Mrs. Sikorski is the former Josephine Dziera of B.T.A. Department.

Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Francis LaBonte are the parents of a baby girl born November 21. Mrs. LaBonte is Madeline, of Block Annex Department.

Son—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scarbo are the parents of a son, born November 26. Dad, Earl, is foreman of the B.T.A. Department.

Son—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent King on November 23. Mrs. King is Barbara, former clerk in Block Test Department.

Son—Mr. and Mrs. August Lindquist are the parents of a son born December 5, 1946. The mother, Bette, was formerly employed in the Marshall Street Laboratory, the father is employed in the Engineering Laboratory and granddad, "Barney" Lindquist is employed in the Beaver Street Machine Shop.

Daughter—A daughter, Joan Marie was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Buzzell on December 9. Mrs. Buzzell is the former Norma Lerta of Check Inspection.

Births

Son—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lamoureux are the parents of a son, born November 25. Ray is employed in Engineering Specifications Department.

Daughter—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Contois, November 19. Mrs. Contois was formerly employed as clerk in the Dry Rolling Department.

To Each and Every Sprague Employee





Larry Scott, Jr., son of Larry of Ovens, and grandson of Anne Downey of Block Test.



"Tamy" Ann and Rose Marie, daughters of Mary Sullivan of the Boxing Department.



"Ronny" Roswell, son of Rina, of the Block Test Department.



William David Lewis, Jr., son of Ruth Post Lewis and nephew of Mildred Conroy of the Industrial Oils.

THANK YOU

Henry LaBonte wishes to take this opportunity to thank all Sprague Employees for their thoughtful donations and collections received by him on November 27th. Henry was the victim of a motorcycle accident earlier this season.

Section Test

Here is a little prayer
Coming from me to you,
At this Christmas season
From my heart so true.

My dear God in heaven
May I ask of you the best —
Please bless every one of those
Workers of Section Test.

They are such good people.
Bless those they hold most dear,
Bless them all, dear God in heaven —
A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New
Year.

—Gladys Oakley



"Brownie" Chalifoux sends Christmas Greetings, too.

Tubular Assembly

A Christmas Wish

Silence falls o'er all the earth,
Christmas is our Saviour's birth —
That time when wise men traveled far
Guided by a shining star
To a manger, crude and deep
Where lay the Christ child fast asleep —

And Mary knelt to kiss His hand.
(There never was a sight more grand)
As this y'ar draws to an end
A Merry Christmas to you we extend
And as the bells ring out in the night —
A New Year that's happy and bright!
—Gertrude Hall



Block Annex

By Esther Perrault

Jessie Dziegial spent Thanksgiving in New York with her husband... They had a wonderful time.

Hazel Martel and family journeyed to New Jersey for the holiday and also spent a few days in New York.

Dolores Domenichini is back after a wonderful wedding trip to New York.

Roma Perrault has recovered from a recent operation and is with us again... It's swell having you back, Roma.

Alphonse LaFountain looks very dainty in a frilly apron doing the shopping... It sure is becoming, Al.

Corinne "bring 'em-back-alive" Button rescued her co-workers from the clutches of a tiny mouse, the other day, and has the everlasting gratitude of the Department.

Jimmy Dean went deer hunting — but all he got was a sore arm from carrying the heavy gun... You should have carried a revolver, Jimmy — it's easier.

Your reporter wishes each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Machine Shop

By Trombley, Walsh and Remillard

We hear that our former co-worker, Hank Koloc sure hit the jack pot this time. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. on the arrival of their twin girls, Linda and Nancy, born December 8. The young ladies weighed 5 1/2 and 6 1/2 pounds respectively.

Exclusive

Congratulations to our own Barney Lindquist on being a grandpa.

Sincere sympathy to William Bellows on the loss of his wife.

Deep sympathy is extended to Joseph Marlowe on the death of his brother.

Id'e Gossip

Wonder if that's the same hat Craig Ferguson wore when he was a boy... Will the boys be glad when they can move to larger quarters... Barney Barnhart — never try to fill a pail of water by a hose unless you put the hose IN the pail — don't you know that Bud Bartlett can't swim... If that wasn't cabbage "Rocky" Morocco was smoking, it sure was manila rope... Our Andy Gigliotti sure is getting to be an orator, he speaks in public a lot... George Scarbo and John Walsh have also adopted Gamari's wig-wag "I'll be a little late this morning."

A Very Merry Christmas to all Sprague Employees from the Boys of the Machine Shop!

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

We of the Engineering Department extend the Season's Holiday Greetings to our friends and co-workers in this, and other departments with whom we have had cooperation and pleasant associations throughout the year.

Congratulations to Harold Farnum on bringing down that eight-point buck. Close to 150 lbs. (dressed) is a lot of venison... Are the steaks good, Harold?



Carl Estes is now stationed in Africa. He is the brother of Edith Shaw of K.V.A. Department.

Ovens

By "Dukie" Abraham

Now that Dom Blasi has finally borrowed the two dollars he needed so badly — how about telling us what you wanted it for?

Why are the girls from the Rolling Department so interested in our John Girard?... We rather thought of him as being quiet and shy.

Why does a certain girl on the F. P. line enjoy sitting with Clovis Lambert from our Department... There's nothing quite like these inter-department romances!

We of the Ovens Department extend a Merry Christmas wish to each and every one in all departments.

Dry Rolling

By Ann, "Shorty" and Ruth

After eight unsuccessful years of deer hunting, Adam Novak finally got a deer... even if it was from the Five and Dime... (Wonder if we can all get a piece of deer steak, Adam?)

Advice:

If Mr. Novak would associate with "Congo Bill", he might learn how to shoot. Up to now, his record has been minus for all the years he has devoted to hunting, while Stanley Gliwski started his lessons last year, and already has two deer to his credit... You're welcome for the tip, Mr. Novak.

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house — not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse —

And on the couch, with lights down low
Sat Kay Battersby amid the glow,
At her feet was "Chuck" Mulcahy
And a diamond sparkled on the hand
of the lady....

Congratulations and the best of luck to both of you!

Our deep sympathy to Janet Roy on the loss of her father.

Best wishes to our Doris Blake whose engagement to Francis E. Haley of Pownal has been announced.

When Blanche Foisy finishes night school in North Adams, she intends to go west and teach a couple of Indians in Arizona their A.B.C.'s.

Sports Ad

The famous girls bowling team of Dry Rolling, "the Big Five" challenge anyone to a match. Our Esther "Flash" Bemis can hit as high as 50. Clara Bialiakos blows a whistle to clear the way, since she has a habit of throwing her right foot way out when she bowls. Ruth Martin, another "Speed" (turtle) can always hit the two end pins, leaving the rest standing. "Vickey" Wisniowski seems to have one eye on the pin boy, which prevents her from hitting 50... well, anyway, the ball goes in his direction. Last, but not least is "Marg" Wittig, our pious member. It seems that she gets right down on her knees and prays when she throws the ball. (No, it couldn't be that she wants the highest score.) All in all, it really is a wonderful team, and it wants a little competition. (Anyone from fifty to seventy-five years old, please contact the Big Five of Dry Rolling, for a match.)

The reporters wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sample Lab Gab

By the Shadow

Our Department extends best wishes of the Season to all employees of the Sprague Plants — here's hoping that Santa treats you right and that your New Year will be a happy, healthy, prosperous one.

A. C. Line

By Vi Short

We wish all, a Merry Christmas — also a Happy and Prosperous New Year — and I wish to take this occasion to thank all those who contributed news items during the past year.

To those who were curious about the identity of "Brownie" Chalifoux, her picture appears in this issue of the Log. "Brownie" was among the guests present at a recent party held by the girls of the Line.

Paper Rolling

By Hubba, Hubba!

Welcome to our new co-worker, Joan Walton — hope you enjoy being with us, and most of all, here's hoping your work is satisfactory to you.

"Jo" DeGrenier is back from her week end trip to New York. What a time! She saw the Ice Follies, King Cole Trio, etc. She also brought back some souvenirs which I appreciated very much.

"Vi" Scott spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Newburyport, Mass.

Every time you see Little Eva Le-Scarbeau, you'll find her singing: "The Talk of the Town", — and why not? She's one of the dreamy girls in the Paper Rolling Department.

The Paper Rollers and myself, extend our wishes for the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest New Year ever.

Payroll

By Priscilla Northup

Payroll held a gala Christmas party at Crosier's Ski Lodge in Heartwellville on December 18. We had the distinction of being the first group to patronize "Fran" and "Red" Crosier's establishment. Everyone had fun — for with "Red" around, what party could be dull?

Our new addressograph operator "Ted" Mazzu won't be "new" by the time we welcome him, if it's any later than right now... Glad 'ta see 'ya Ted!

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Our Safety Corner shows how Santa took an unexpected tumble... a rather unpleasant welcome for the jovial gentleman.

Courtesy: National Safety Council



Extending to the Kiddies of Sprague Employees --



Mary Anna Mousseau, daughter of Mary Walsh Mousseau, formerly of PAA's, and granddaughter of Marguerite Walsh of Dry Rolling.



"Pat" and "Mike" Durant, the 4-weeks-old twins of Shirley and Russell. Shirley formerly worked in Block Annex. The twins are nieces of Peg Viall of Block Annex, and of Dorothy Mellilo of Misc. Drys.



Cheryl Fay Devine, daughter of Renald of Material Control Department, and of Helen of Section Test.



Ronald Scott, son of Larry of Ovens, Marshall Street, and grandson of Anne Downey of Block Test.

Centrifuge

George Senecal, foreman of Centrifuge and Formation Departments wishes everyone in his, and all other Departments in our three Plants, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

F. P. Ovens

By Us All

It is rumored around that Sally Williams may receive a diamond for Christmas—is it true, Sally?

Josephine Balardini needs to watch herself when opening windows.

The girls are wondering how you enjoyed the "hot seat", Freddie King?

A hearty wish for a Happy Yuletide to all the workers in the Plant.

Main Office Memos

By Who Dunit

Isabel Peters is one of the fortunate people who saved her vacation for Christmas shopping. Hope you get it finished, Isabel.

We're glad to have Harold Twitchell back with us after a week's visit to the hospital.

Esther Garratt recently spent a few days in New York City, and Dot Boutwell made a week end of it in "the big city" too, recently.

Your reporters wish to extend Holiday Greetings to all fellow workers, and we sincerely hope that Santa Claus finds all your stockings.



Robert Burdick is a Seaman 2-c, and is the son of Helen, of Wire Coating.

Check Inspection

*A great big Christmas cheer—
To the Boys and Girls on Check
Inspection.*

*May the coming year bring
Joy and Success—
Instead of disappointments
From last station rejections,
Alas!... May the New Year bring...
Perfection.*

—Chic Checker

The Upper Offices

By "Flo" and "Do"

Here we are, at this very busy time of year, with everyone scurrying to and fro, looking for this and that, and pausing for a breath of air... we take this opportunity to wish everyone in the "Upper Offices" a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Doris Roy, my sister reporter, has just arrived home from the hospital after a tonsil operation... we all missed her wit and merry smile.

"Lyd" Camadine has knitted her first pair of socks — for her hubby — and it was a job well done — she sure goes to town when she starts anything.

Be seeing you next issue —

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Dry Test hold their Christmas party at Midway. Standing: Jack Faustini, Mildred Clifton, Vicki Doran, Sally Tallarico, Ida Watts, Sophie Zwiercan, Helen Lesage. Second row: Mary Veinotte, Francis Guzzi, Isabel Hyndman, Marjorie Hauptfleisch, Alice Miller. Front: Bob Rivard, Harriet Fortin, Tommy Dean, Bernice Demarsico and Joe Davis.

Ovens -- Night Shift

By Bessie Brown

We of the Night Shift, as one Happy Family, wish to extend our Christmas Wishes to our editor and all co-workers.

We thought it was Friday the 13th for sure, when Eleanor Osterhout had a day of misfortunes — first, she spilled her coffee all over herself, then she burned her fingers, and last but not least, had a case of "dropsy" of her day's work.

Wondering — if Johnny Miller has completed his drawing of homes, and if Margaret Fortier finished hers of kitchen utensils, cups and pans... if so, why not put them on exhibition?

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller quietly celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary... Best of luck to you both from the Night Shift.

Dry Test

By Rita Johnson

About nineteen members of Dry Test enjoyed a Christmas party at the "Midway" in Adams, where a delicious turkey supper was served, followed by a grab bag and dancing.

To my Co-workers and Friends in Dry Test —

I wish you all Christmas happiness Complete in every way.

A Christmas happier by far

Than words can ever say.

And with the blessing of God's love

To guard you as before —

May true contentment fill your hearts

With joy forevermore! —

And from all of us in this Department: A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our Foreman, John Pierce and his family.



Marshall, Faith and Martha Ferris, nephew and nieces of Lena Solomon of Paper Rolling. Mother Elizabeth formerly worked here.



Penny for your thoughts, Johnny Rohane — son of Gladys of Ovens Department.



The young gypsy is Frank Charles DiLegio, nephew of Helen Scarfone of P.A.A. Department.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

Sample Lab

By the Eyes and Ears

Since Dick Tracy is always looking for new and exciting characters, we offer this list from our Sample Lab:

"Keys" Gregalis
"Can't Lose" Soderstrom
"Long Shot" Malloy
"Bluebeard" Mulcahy
"Sweepy" Macksey
"Trixie" Brayman
"Laughs" Grant
"Belt" Bezzie
"Singer" Abuisi
"Lippy" Markland
"Eyes" Perris
"Slacks" Mulqueen
"Legs" Finardi
"Perfecto" Bourdon

Any resemblance between living persons and their characters is absolutely amazing and should be put in Ripley's "Believe It or Not."

Farewell to Gladys Markland who has left our Lab — the gang miss you, "Gladie."

P.A.A. Inspect and Test

By Elsie Leja

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jeanette Shambeau on the recent death of her brother.

Our "Glamour Girl" is Martha Lewis... Have her relate some of her exciting experiences.

Will someone please tell "Vic" Pedrin the difference between the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Wedding March?" "Vic" stood at attention while the latter was being played.

Poor George Daub! He's always running into trouble... Someday, maybe it will be different.

"Mike" Grande's week end trips sure make him look "grand", or at least — happy.

This is all for this time folks, and I'll sign off with "A Merry Christmas" to all.

PAA. Rolling -- Day Shift

By "Brenda and Cobina"

"Just for the Children" is what we say in connection with Christmas — but we may forget this saying as the Season approaches, and we are caught up in the Yuletide spirit... Yes, Christmas is for old and young — for rich and poor — a time for pleasure and rejoicing — a time for prayers and carols... Let us be happy and make a very Merry Christmas for all.

And now, as the time of wondrous excitement of trimming the tree and heaping it with gifts approaches, we wish Santa would leave the following gifts in our Department:

For Mary Scarfone — Some actors' pictures, *but invisible to all but her own eyes*.

For Stella Lemoine — a clock with an alarm which rings the correct lunch hour (*bet you thought we didn't know about that, Stella*).

For Rita Siciliano (*and the benefit of all*) — a book on voice culture and singing.

For John Raby — another shadow to replace our friend from Barre.

For "Toots" Bergeron — a pair of earmuffs to cut off our noise (*lacking earmuffs, a good whip will do*.)

Lastly, for Ethel Gilman and all those others we would not forget, a year's schedule with only 154a, 152a, 112a, 114a, etc. no contacts, no midgets!

Maintenance

A Merry, Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year, too
From the Maintenance, Machinists, and... Little Lulu.

Resistors

By Lucy Abuisi

The entire Resistor Department takes this occasion to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a bright, happy and prosperous New Year.

Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

We of the Wire Coating Department wish Everyone — a Very Merry Christmas!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. August Lindquist who are the proud parents of a baby boy born December 5. "Red" works in the Brown Street Lab.

Clothing Drive A Success

The Log Social Committee is more than pleased with the results of the Clothing Drive conducted in the three Plants for needy children overseas. At this time, they wish to thank each and everyone who donated clothing and helped to make this drive a success.

In sorting the clothing, it is the plan of the Committee to assemble some of the clothing to be shipped directly to our Rhenen, Holland, school which Sprague employees are sponsoring.



What We Do After 5 O'Clock

Andrew Gigliotti of the Machine Shop finds few dull moments in his busy days.

After returning from two years' service with the Army Air Corps (and incidentally being at the proving grounds in Arizona during the development of the atomic bomb), Andrew went back to his old job as a part time worker and is also taking a post graduate course at Drury. Naturally, he is pretty busy with work at Drury and in the Machine Shop, but he finds time to pursue his hobby of stamp collecting.

Recently, Andy addressed the North Adams Stamp Club of which he is a member, on types of paper used for stamps and their catalog valuation. He knows his subject thoroughly and can talk about stamp collecting from many angles.

Andy first started out collecting stamps some ten years ago when his mother found a couple of stamps in a butter carton. (It seems there was a time when butter was quite plentiful, and premiums, such as stamps or other items were offered as special inducements to buy a particular brand.) With these few stamps as a nucleus, Andy's collection has grown to number some 10,000 stamps, and has a catalog value of about \$400. One after another, seven albums have been necessary to house the growing collection, with stamps from every known country from Ethiopia to Zululand in dark Africa. He also has a special series of United States stamps dating from 1892 to the present time. (Andy told your reporter, with a grin, that when that butter company quit giving out stamps, his mother switched to another brand!)

Schools often encourage stamp collections, according to Andy. It arouses the interest of children in geography and also in historical events. Often a stamp is issued to commemorate a certain historical event — the discovery of America, the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth; or to point out some of our institutions. You can see how geographical names or historical data becomes familiar to a person through a stamp collection. Andy says: "When the war broke out, many of the names in the South Pacific which sounded queer to folks, were familiar to me since I had stamps from most of those places."

"Incidentally," Andy continued, "Stamp collecting is not the childish pastime that most people think it is. Many great men in various walks of life collect stamps. Among such celebrities are Ex-king Carol of Rumania (he amassed thousands of dollars worth of stamps before he was forced to flee his country); the late King George V of Great Britain; and the late President Roosevelt (his collection, recently auctioned off, brought thousands of dollars).

"This hobby has grown immensely in the past 30 years, the U.S. collectors numbering well in the millions. The Post Office has been busy trying to keep up with the hobby's growth by issuing new stamps," Andy states. "It is a known fact that the Post Office department makes more money on the sale of commemorative stamps to collectors than it does on the use of stamps on mails!" —J. Walsh



PACK CHRISTMAS BOX FOR HOLLAND SCHOOL

Maud Waska (left), Esther Driscoll, Elsie Leja and Emma Mutart give capable assistance in the packing of the Christmas box sent to students of the school in Rhenen, Holland, sponsored by the Sprague Electric Employees.

—Photo by F. Croster

P.A.A. Waxing

By Rita Samia

Hurry back, Mary Bua, we all miss your cheery smile.

Those wishing to learn tap dancing, contact Alma Kent... Her daughter, Jeanne, teaches her and in return, she will teach you. I'll guarantee results — and rates are cheap.

Say, June Clark — where do you get all that pep? We want your secret.

The gang from the PAA. wishes to extend each one of you, a very, very, Happy and Merry Christmas, and to tell you that they are one swell gang to work with!

PAA Rolling -- Night Shift

By Connie Davis

Well, girls, the time has come for us to go our separate ways. Before leaving, I want to thank everyone of you for being so nice to me. Also, I want to express my wishes for:

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Let us be very humble and thankful this Christmas time for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us this past year. Let us not forget that as the Son of God gave his life — so did the sons of man — that we might have Christmas in a free land.

Industrial Oils

By M. Conroy and L. Vincelette

Who is the handsome soldier you were walking up the street with, Lyda White?... Holding out on us, eh?

Winnie Emery spent the week end in Connecticut with her daughter.

The "Good Humor Man" of Networks is back... Sorry you were ill so long, Bernie Stackpole.

Santa and Marie Barbuto are having a race... Will she finish that sweater in time for Christmas?

Lucky Albina Bouchard... We're all jealous of your winning that cute little pony.

The "Networks" girls are still waiting to go into a huddle with Jack Shields.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Profile - Real Santa Claus

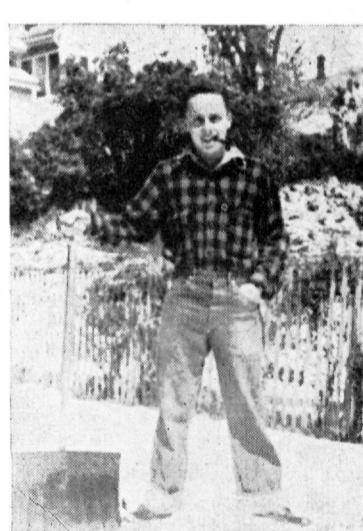
Leonidas Beall has occupied Santa Claus' throne for five successive years in a large Washington, D. C. department store. He is at 72, a perfectly natural Santa Claus, round, with crispy, snow-white hair and a handsome moustache. He lives from season to season, looking forward to Christmas with as much excitement as the thousands of children who whisper their hearts' desires to him. He treats

all children as his own, drawing them to him naturally. He knows when to pick up a little boy or girl and when not to. The very young ones, sometimes afraid at first, he lets accustom themselves to him before he gently takes them on his knee. Christmas is a time of infinite hope, suspense, and sometimes tears.

The hardest thing Beall has to do is to pare the modest list of a child whose parents can obviously give very little. A hundred times he had to deny the impulse to reach into his own pocket, or to stride over to a toy counter and sweep it clean for a threadbare little boy or girl. If a child asks for too much, Santa says, "Do you think you really need all of those things?" If he insists, Santa asks, "What about all the other little boys in the world? They want presents, too, and my helpers are very busy. I'm not sure they'll have time to make so many things for just one." This appeal to the child's better nature is nearly always successful.

Beall prefers to play Santa to all other jobs. There is no feeling in the world, he says, like the one that comes from making children happy. He would not take anything for the opportunity. He believes that children have added years to his life.

—Better Homes & Gardens



Andrew Gigliotti



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

